

Subject: Re: Melrose Fire Incident 12/10/2106

From: Donald Duckworth

Date: 12/12/2016 12:17 PM

To: Denis Weintraub

Thanks Deny. I copied Inga; she is off due to a work related injury. (Injured in the course of arresting a homeless person.) There is no "temporary replacement," which may be part of our problem. Her supervisor, Cleon Joseph, the black Sgt at the Neighborhood Mixer, was also copied. As were some of the adjacent Sr Lead Officers. Of course the 2 Captains are at the top of the chain of responsibility.

Noshi is with the City Attorney's Office and will defer to LAPD or LAFD on criminal arson enforcement.

Our big advocate should be the Councilman. His office was copied.

I hope we can be successful lobbying for more LAPD manpower assigned to Melrose.

On Mon, Dec 12, 2016 at 10:25 AM, Denis Weintraub <drdenisweintraub@yahoo.com> wrote:

This should b followed up with Inka if she's around or her temporary replacement.

Might b time 2 get Noosshi the prosecutor with the Attorney General's office 4 some guidance.

Deny

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 12, 2016, at 8:29 AM, Donald Duckworth <duckworth.donald@gmail.com> wrote:

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From: **Donald Duckworth** <duckworth.donald@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, Dec 12, 2016 at 8:25 AM

Subject: Fwd: Melrose Fire Incident 12/10/2106

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Good Morning Captain Solano and Captain Sandoval...

Please review the report forwarded below from our Melrose BID Ambassador re an arson in progress on Friday, December 10 at 2250 hours. I'm disturbed that we could not get LAPD support / response at the time of the Ambassador's call. (Isn't arson a felony?)

The Melrose BID has had a number of recent complaints from the business owner at 7425 Melrose of fires behind his business. (Saad at [323-658-8611](tel:323-658-8611).) I believe he told me that he has attempted to obtain LAPD response without success. He's afraid that his business will be burned down! Given the destruction by arson of the SportieLA business at 7366 Melrose on June 15, 2016, he certainly seems to have good cause for concern.

After looking at surveillance camera images from the SportieLA fire, our BID Ambassador believes that the individual involved in the Friday night incident is a probable match. Is there not some way we can get LAPD follow-up and an arrest, which may well clear an open arson?

After all of the on-going discussions we have had and promises of some increased attention, our frustration is growing and palpable. It feels like Melrose BID is devoting resources to assist LAPD and not getting any real support. How can we work together better?

Thank you for your attention.

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From: **Riley Sherwood** <melrosebidambassador@gmail.com>

Date: Sun, Dec 11, 2016 at 1:24 AM

Subject: Melrose Fire Incident 12/10/2106

To: Donald Duckworth <duckworth.donald@gmail.com>

Cc: Mark Mireles <mirelesconsulting@gmail.com>

On 12/10/2016 myself (Riley Sherwood) and my partner (Berge Ketchdejian) were patrolling the Melrose BID Alleys in hope to find our suspect that has been lighting cardboard fires behind the businesses on Melrose. We were driving westbound on the north side alley at approximately 2250 hours and came across a male African American (blonde hair, black sweater, blue pants, approximately 5'8 140 pounds) lighting a fire behind 7555 Melrose behind the business called Xplosion in the car port. We proceeded to drive Westbound and made a u-turn and returned to the back of the property where he had the fire burning. I then called LAPD Dispatch and reported that there was a homeless guy lighting a fire behind the business, and if we can have a patrol unit come out and ID the suspect so we can get a restraining order on him. Dispatch proceeded to tell me since there is a fire in progress they would transfer me to the fire department. After being transferred I told the same exact story to the FD and they sent a fire engine out. Once the FD got there (believe it was engine 46 but not 100% sure) our suspect got up and walked away casually. The FD then dumped water and other chemicals on the burning ashes and put it out. Once putting the fire out they got in the Fire Truck and left without giving me any details or report what was going to happen next. I contacted my boss (Mark Mireles) and asked him for his opinion what I should do. He told me to go to Wilshire Police Station and file an arson report. After arriving at Wilshire I walked in and talked to Officer Horn who was working the desk and told him the story of what exactly happened. Officer Horn told me there is not much LAPD can do. He suggested that I had to call back to the Non Emergency Fire line and ask for the Fire Truck number that came out to assist putting the fire out, and to talk to the Captain to see about getting a report of what happened. After getting through to the Fire Department Dispatch I asked them if they can look up what Fire Station came out and if I can talk to the Captain Dispatch told me "They can not give me that Information, and that I needed to call the Fire Arson unit and report it during normal business hours." I am going to report this incident to the Arson Fire Department Unit on Monday morning. I will attach to this a video and picture of the Suspect lighting this fire.

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